

### *New Program Aims to Honor Vets Across Southern New Mexico*

Washington, DC—Monday, Congressman Harry Teague kicked off his new veteran outreach program by naming retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Bob Rossow of Las Cruces as southern New Mexico’s first “Veteran of the Month”. The program is designed to honor the many deserving veterans from across New Mexico’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District and stay in touch with the veteran community.



Colonel Rossow was nominated for the award by Peter Ossorio of Las Cruces. His record is impressive, having served for 37 years as both an officer and enlisted, Army and Navy, active duty, reserve, and National Guard. His military career started in 1967 when he volunteered to join the Army and was immediately deployed to Viet Nam. Colonel Rossow continually exhibited courage and heroism while in combat, earning him awards and medals including the Silver Star, Soldier’s Medal for non-combat heroism, Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, and the Combat Infantryman’s Badge.

"Stories like Colonel Rossow's remind me how much our service men and women sacrificed to protect our country and our freedoms. He is an incredible man and I am proud to name him as the first Veteran of the Month" said Congressman Harry Teague. "I look forward to recognizing

a new veteran each month as this program continues."

To honor Colonel Rossow's hard work and dedication to his country, he was presented with a flag flown over the capitol in his name. The presentation took place at Congressman Teague's Las Cruces Office Monday at 5 PM.

Congressman Teague's "Veteran of the Month" program is coordinated by his Veterans Advisory Council, comprised of distinguished veterans from across southern New Mexico. Each month, a veteran will be recognized for their service overseas and here at home. To nominate a veteran for the "Veteran of the Month Program" please contact Major Nathan Howard at [nathan.howard@mail.house.gov](mailto:nathan.howard@mail.house.gov)



Congressman Teague’s Defense Fellow presents Colonel Rossow with a certificate and flag flown over the Capitol in his honor. Colonel Rossow’s nominator and member of Congressman Teague’s Veterans Advisory Council, Peter Ossorio.

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